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Dear Vickie and Jim,

I am trying out my new typewriter and I really like it and I will probably make plenty of mistakes until I get used to it. It is a Smith Corona electric portable. After talking to you today Jim we went out and bought it because we had looked at them yesterday. At first Dad thought he would check at the office but then we decided not to wait.

It was nice of you to call me, Jim, and at that time it was starting to snow a little but now it is coming down harder. Dad is watching a football game now and when that is over with we are going to Bensons and play a few hands of bridge before going to Des Moines for dinner. We are going to eat at the Windjammer.

We have been talking about your trip ever since you called. It is just perfect that you can both go over together and Vickie I am sure you will have a wonderful time wandering around Sicily even if you are alone and the whole trip sounds so tremendous that it is fun thinking about it. Having a good camera is pretty useful isn't it?

Our hotel in Paris was the Hotel DeCostiglione and it was in the heart of the downtown district. We went on the bus tour of the city and saw all the famous places and we went through the Louvre, which is fabulous and walked along the Seine River and everything was very exciting.

My typing is pretty bad but I think I should be sitting up higher. I should get better in a short time however. I wish we were going to be staying home all day and evening so I could keep on typing, but I am also glad that I don't have to fix dinner.

The snow has stopped now and it is just raining which is much better. I had better stop now and get ready to go over to Benson's and I will talk to you before you leave.

With Love,

Mom.